

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please add the following Abstract of the Disclosure as page 47 of the above-referenced application:

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A substantially water-soluble polymer comprises a homopolymer or a copolymer and a first subunit precursor. The first subunit precursor comprises a first nucleic acid and an ethylene-containing moiety. The first subunit precursor is either covalently or non-covalently linked to the homopolymer or copolymer. The ethylene group is preferably tethered to the 3'- or 5'-hydroxyl position of the first nucleic acid. The substantially water-soluble polymer may further comprise a tissue-specific targeting moiety and/or a bioactive compound encapsulated by the homopolymer or copolymer.

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